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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF THE PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. WE HAVE SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING REPORT TO THE WHITE HOUSE WHICH WAS RECEIVED FROM OUR NEGOTIATING TEAM IN PANAMA.

2. AFTER A RELATIVELY SLOW START DURING THE INITIAL SESSION, THE PACE OF NEGOTIATION ACCELERATED MONDAY AFTERNOON. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE ON A NUMBER OF MINOR LANDS AND WATERS ISSUES, INCLUDING THE ALLOCATION OF HOUSING. SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE MAJOR ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. THESE INCLUDED THE SUBJECTS OF HOUSING GUARANTEE LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES TO THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, DIVISION OF INTEREST PAYMENTS, AND AN INFLATION FACTOR FOR THE ANNUITY. A NUMBER OF OTHER MINOR QUESTIONS WERE RESOLVED SO THAT ONLY A RELATIVELY FEW ISSUES REMAIN.

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3. WITH CONSIDERABLE CEREMONY, PANAMA TABLED ITS DRAFT TREATY DURING THE AFTERNOON SESSION. WE ARE COMPLETING TRANSLATION OF THIS DOCUMENT AND WILL BE COMPARING TEXTS LATER IN THE EVENING TO ASSURE THAT PANAMA HAS INJECTED NO NEW SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. IT CONTINUES TO APPEAR THAT THE PANAMANIAN MAY BE

POINTING TOWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT ON WEDNESDAY THAT AGREE-
MENT IN PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN REACHED. CHRISTOPHER

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